

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DISPLAYING CURRENT IMAGES OF VIRTUAL
MACHINE ENVIRONMENTS

5 ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

10 A system and method for displaying thumbnail images of the video output of one
or more software applications in a window or similar graphical interface to allow the user of a
computer system to conveniently and quickly monitor the overall status and progress of several
software applications that are running simultaneously. The thumbnail images are generated from
the VRAM associated with the software application and are preferably displayed with
information corresponding to the associated software application. The thumbnail images may be
static or generated at regular intervals according to user preference and the status of the software
application.